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SENATE BILL

No. 1785

Introduced by Senators Scott and Alpert
(Coauthor: Senator McPherson)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Liu)

February 20, 2004

An act to add Section 66739.5 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1785, as amended, Scott. Public postsecondary education: dual admission programs.

Existing law establishes the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the California State University, the campuses of which are administered by the Trustees of the California State University, the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law establishes community college districts, which operate campuses that provide instruction to students throughout the state.

This bill would establish a program with the purpose of ensuring that community college students who wish to earn baccalaureate degrees at a campus of the California State University are able to do so. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University to carry out specified tasks in connection with the establishment of this program.

The bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University to establish admissions requirements for community college transfer students in accordance with specified criteria. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University, in consultation with the Academic Senate of the California State University, to specify for each *high-demand* baccalaureate program major a ~~model core~~ lower-division transfer curriculum. ~~The~~

The bill would require each campus of the California State University, as allowed by enrollment demand and available space, to develop a transfer admission agreement with each student who intends to meet the requirements of the bill. The bill would require this transfer admission agreement to guarantee admission to the campus and major identified in that agreement and the full transfer of 60 semester units creditable to the baccalaureate degree, subject to the student's meeting of specified criteria.

The bill would require campuses of the California State University to guarantee that transfer students admitted under the bill will be able to complete the baccalaureate degree in the minimum number of course units required for that degree.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66739.5 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 66739.5. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (1) The California Master Plan and supporting statutes place
- 6 utmost importance on the effective transfer of community college
- 7 students to the University of California (UC) and the California
- 8 State University (CSU) as a means of providing access to the
- 9 baccalaureate degree.
- 10 (2) In 2002, CSU enrolled 55,000 transfer students from
- 11 community colleges.
- 12 (3) Two out of three students who earn CSU baccalaureate
- 13 degrees begin in a community college.
- 14 (4) Effective use of state and student time and resources would
- 15 be maximized by students accruing fewer unrequired units in
- 16 earning their degrees.



(5) Additional access to community colleges and CSU will be created by higher graduation rates and fewer nonessential units taken.

(6) The state budget situation makes it urgent to streamline the path of the transfer student to the baccalaureate degree.

(b) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to ensure that community college students who wish to earn the baccalaureate degree at CSU are provided with a clear and effective path to this degree, defined as follows:

(1) Knowing all degree requirements upon entering the community college transfer program.

(2) Having reasonable access to required courses when needed for effective progress to the degree.

(3) Having all community college *lower-division* baccalaureate-level course units accepted by CSU upon transfer, as meeting requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

(4) Having the opportunity to know and meet the same or similar degree course requirements as counterpart freshmen and sophomores who begin their study at CSU.

(5) Enabling community college students who transfer to a CSU campus ~~as fully qualified, as defined in subdivision (e), in accordance with subdivision (d)~~, to complete the remaining units required for the specific baccalaureate degree within the total minimum units required for that degree major.

(c) *This section shall not be construed to limit in any way the ability of students to gain admission through alternative paths to transfer, such as the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.*

(d) On or before February 1, 2005, the Chancellor of CSU shall establish transfer student admissions requirements that give highest priority to transfer students who meet the following qualifications:

(1) Have earned at least 60 ~~units of lower-division~~ *semester units of lower-division, baccalaureate-level* coursework.

(2) Have declared a major program.

(3) Have met all lower division course prerequisites for the major.

(4) Have met all general education requirements specified for the declared major.

(5) Have met any other campus-specific requirements specified by the receiving CSU campus.

~~(d)~~

(e) (1) CSU campuses admitting students qualified in accordance with subdivision ~~(e)~~ (d) will make it possible for these students to complete their baccalaureate degree in the minimum number of remaining units required for that degree major.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, the “minimum number of remaining units” is the minimum number of units required for a degree major after subtracting the number of fully degree transferable units earned at the community college.

~~(e)~~

(f) The Chancellor of CSU, in consultation with the Academic Senate of CSU, shall establish the following components necessary for a clear degree path for transfer students:

(1) On or before ~~February~~ June 1, 2005, the Chancellor of CSU, in consultation with the Academic Senate of CSU, shall specify for each ~~baccalaureate program major a model core high-demand baccalaureate program major a~~ lower-division transfer curriculum composed of at least 45 semester course units that will be common across all CSU campuses offering specific major programs.

(2) The 45 common course units shall be composed of general education and, to the extent relevant, of lower division course prerequisites for the declared major.

(3) The 45 unit core requirements shall be specified in sufficient manner and detail so that existing and future community college lower division courses may be articulated to the CSU core course requirements.

~~(f) (1) On or before January 1, 2006, the Chancellor of CSU~~

(g) (1) On or before June 1, 2006, the Chancellor of CSU and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges, shall ~~identify those lower division courses at~~ articulate those lower-division, baccalaureate-level courses at each campus of the California Community Colleges that meet for each degree major the common 45 unit course requirements specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision ~~(e)~~ (f).

(2) To the extent that the goals of efficiency and urgency are advanced, existing articulation procedures such as the California Articulation Number (CAN) program shall be employed.

(3) On or before ~~January~~ *June* 1, 2006, each CSU campus shall have identified any additional specific, nonelective course requirements beyond the common 45 unit requirements for each major. To the extent these additional course requirements are identified, each CSU campus shall make available these requirements to the appropriate community college campus.

(4) The Chancellor of CSU shall amend CSU's transfer admissions procedures to encourage prospective community college transfer students to ~~meet both of the following requirements:~~

~~(A) Declaration of a baccalaureate degree program major no later than 30 units into lower division study.~~

~~(B) Identification of, and, to the extent possible, commitment identify and, to the extent possible, commit to, a specific CSU transfer destination campus before earning no more than 45 units of lower division college-level baccalaureate-level study as specified in subdivision (e).~~

~~(g)-(f).~~

~~(h) As allowed by enrollment demand and available space, each CSU campus shall develop a transfer agreement with those students who admission agreement with each student who intends to meet the requirements of this section, including the declaration of a major and identification of a choice of a destination campus, before earning no more than 45 units. The transfer agreement shall guarantee full transfer of all 60 admission agreement shall guarantee admission to the campus and major identified in that agreement and full transfer of all 60 semester units as creditable to the baccalaureate degree subject to students the student's meeting the following conditions:~~

~~(1) Completion of 60 semester units of college-level course work.~~

~~(2) Declaration of a major.~~

~~(3) Satisfaction of the general education and major course prerequisites, as specified for the 45-unit common core curriculum for the program major.~~

1 (4) Meeting any specific course requirements beyond the
2 common 45 units that are specified by the CSU destination
3 campus.

4 ~~(h)~~

5 (5) *Any impaction criteria for that campus or major.*

6 (i) A CSU campus shall guarantee that the transfer students
7 admitted under this section will be able to complete the
8 baccalaureate degree in the minimum number of course units
9 required for that degree.

